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SUBJECT: US-USSR S&T AGREEMENT: S&T INFORMATION (01.10)

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED FEBRUARY 15 LETTER FOR TRANSMISSION
TO DR. LEE BURCHINAL OF NSF FROM N.B. ARUTIUNOV,
HEAD, DIRECTORATE OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION,
SCST. LETTER BEING POUCHED UNDER REGISTRY 1911701. TEXT
OF LETTER FOLLOWS.

2. QUOTE. DEAR DR. BURCHINAL,
I AM WRITING TO OBTAIN YOUR OPINION ON MATTERS CONCERNING
THE ACTIVITY OF THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN WORKING GROUP
ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION.
AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE READY HERE TO RECEIVE IN FEBRUARY AN
AMERICAN SPECIALIST ON COMMON COMMUNICATION FORMAT
FOR BIBLIOGRAPHIC DATA EXCHANGE ON MAGNETIC TAPES. ONE
MONTH WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO COMPLETE ALL THE NECESSARY
WORK FOR THE COMPILATION OF THE FINAL VERSION OF THIS
FORMAT, SO WE SUGGEST THAT YOU RECEIVE OUR TWO SPECIALISTS
AT THE BEGINNING OF APRIL FOR TWO WEEKS TO WORK ON THE
FORMAT PROBLEM. AFTER THEY FINISH, IT SEEMS TO BE REA-
SONABLE TO HAVE ON THE SPOT THE MEETING OF THE SOVIET-
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AMERICAN RESEARCH GROUP ON COMMON COMMUNICATION FORMAT IN
ORDER FOR OUR SPECIALISTS TO AVOID MAKING TWO TRIPS TO THE
U.S.;
THE REST OF THE SOVIET GROUP WILL JOIN THEM. AS FAR AS THE
MEETING OF THE JOINT SOVIET-AMERICAN WORKING GROUP ON
SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION IS CONCERNED, THE BEST
TIME FOR IT WOULD BE THE END OF MAY 1978. AT THIS MEETING,

WE SUGGEST THAT WE DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF OUR WORK AND, PERHAPS, EXPLORE AREAS OF COMMON INTEREST FOR FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF OUR COOPERATION SO WE WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE OUR MUTUAL SUGGESTIONS FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE IN JUNE. WITH BEST REGARDS, N. ARUTIUNOV. END QUOTE.

3. DURING FEBRUARY 15 MEETING WITH SCISOUNS, ARTIUNOV EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE SCST ATTACHES TO COMPLETING PROPOSED EXCHANGE OF VISITS AND JWG MEETING PRIOR TO S&T JCM. HE INDICATED THAT MEETING SHOULD EXPLORE FURTHER TOPICS OF COOPERATION FOR POSSIBLE PRESENTATION TO JCM ONCE COMMON COMMUNICATIONS PACKAGE HAD BEEN COMPLETED. A FURTHER REASON FOR URGENCY ON SPECIALISTS VISIT IS TO ENSURE TIMELY COMPLETION OF COMMON COMMUNICATIONS FORMAT PACKAGE FOR PRESENTATION TO UNISIST THIS YEAR. IN VIEW OF TIME FACTOR, ARUTIUNOV SUGGESTED THAT U.S. SPECIALIST BEGIN VISIT IN LATE FEBRUARY OR EARLY MARCH BUT NO LATER; SOVIET EXPERTS COULD THEN VISIT U.S. IN EARLY APRIL. THIS MATTER HAS ASSUMED PARTICULAR URGENCY IN VIEW OF U.S. EFFORT (BEING REPORTED SEPTEL) TO INITIATE INFORMATION EXCHANGE BETWEEN NATIONAL TECHNICAL INFORMATION CENTER AND VNIT CENTER IN SELECTED AREAS OF BILATERAL S&T COOPERATION.

4. FOR NSF; PLEASE ADVISE ASAP ACCEPTABILITY OF SOVIET UNCLASSIFIED

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PROPOSALS FOR EXCHANGE VISITS AND, IF APPROPRIATE, ARRIVAL OF U.S. SPECIALIST. MATLOCK

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